

## **Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the specification as indicated below:

Please amend the paragraph(s) starting on line 9 of page 9 as follows:

- FIG. 1 shows a longitudinal section through an embodiment of the cantilever assembly according to the instant invention,

FIG. 2 shows a perspective view of the embodiment of the cantilever assembly of FIG. 1,

FIG. 3 shows essentially the longitudinal section through the embodiment of the cantilever assembly of FIG. 1 together with a schematic representation of an aperture angle of the optical tracking system, ~~and~~

FIG. 4 shows a front perspective view of the embodiment of the cantilever assembly of FIG. 1, with a sample tilted relative to the cantilever, and

FIG. 5 shows a longitudinal section through a further embodiment of the cantilever assembly according to the instant invention. --